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SUBJECT: METAL WORKERS ELECTIONS: FURTHER CIA ALLEGATIONS
AND SDP COUNTERATTACK

REF: A. HELSINKI 2203; B. STOCKHOLM 5126; C. HELSINKI 2207

1. HELSINKI AFTERNOONER ILTA SANOMAT IN OCTOBER 9 EDITION RAISES ANEW IN BANNER HEADLINES POSSIBILITY OF CIA CONNECTION WITH CONFISCATED FUNDS. ILTA SANOMAT REPORTS THAT BANK RECEIPT SEIZED WITH FUNDS AT ARLANDA CARRIES NOTATION "PAYMENT AUTHORIZED FROM BASEL". PAPER ADDS THAT ACCORDING TO SWEDISH SOURCES THIS INFORMATION GIVES NEW STRENGTH TO THE RUMORS THAT THE CIA IS BEHIND THE WHOLE AFFAIR. ACCORDING TO ILTA SANOMAT IG-METALL CHARIMAN EUGEN LODERER WENT PERSONALLY TO GENOSSENSCHAFTS BANK IN FRANKFURT ON SEPTEMBER 25 AND AUTHORIZED BANK TO WITHDRAW 100,000 D-MARKS FROM A CERTAIN ACCOUNT IN BASEL. LODERER ALLEGEDLY INSTRUCTED BANK CLERK TO TRANSFER MONEY TO PERSONAL ACCOUNT OF SWEDISH METALWORKERS BUDGET CHIEF. PER JOHANSSON. PAPER GOES ON TO SAY THAT BASIC QUESTION IS WHO PUT THE FUNDS INTO THE BASEL ACCOUNT. JOHANSSON AND LODERERER ARE CURRENTLY BOTH IN TOKYO AND HAVE BOTH DENIED IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH NEWSMEN THAT THE CIA IS IN ANY WAY INVOLVED. ACCORDING TO MORNING PAPERS, LODERER, SAID FUNDS WERE RECEIVED AS PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS.

2. NOT ONLY DOES ILTA SANOMAT RAISE NEW ALLEGATIONS ABOUT THE CIA BUT IT DEVOTES A WHOLE COLUMN TO "PREVIOUS SCANDALS", WHICH IN FACT DEALS EXCLUSIVELY WITH 1967 "REVELATIONS" ABOUT CIA-FUNDING OF SAJ-- CENTRAL ORGANIZATION OF FINNISH TRADE UNIONS. (SAJ -- A RIGHT-WING SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC GROUPING -- WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED AS A RESULT OF THE SPLIT IN FINNISH TRADE UNION MOVEMENT IN LATE 1950S, FOLDED AND REMERGED WITH RIVAL CENTRAL FEDERATION OF FINNISH TRADE UNIONS (SAK) IN 1969. "REVELATIONS" OF CIA FUNDING IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE BEEN A MAJOR FACTOR IN THE DEMISE OF THE SAJ.)
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3. FINNISH METALWORKERS' CHAIRMAN SULO PENTTILA'S VISIT TO WEST GERMANY AUGUST 26-27 IS CITED IN PRESS AS POSSIBLE TIME OF REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE. PENTTILA HAS PUBLICLY DENIED THAT HE DISCUSSED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DURING HIS VISIT TO GERMANY. HE DID ADMIT, HOWEVER, THAT HIS REPORT ON SITUATION IN FINLAND MIGHT HAVE BEEN INTERPRETED AS A REQUEST

FOR HELP.

4. SOCIAL DEMOCRATS IN FINLAND HAVE ALREADY MOVED TO COUNTERATTACK BY TAKING THE LINE THAT IN VIEW OF INTERNATIONAL SOCDEM SOLIDARITY THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH RECEIVING FUNDS FROM BROTHER PARTIES. ONLY FAULT IN THIS CASE LIES IN METHOD ATTEMPTED TO IMPORT FUNDS. THE PROBABLE REASON THIS METHOD WAS EMPLOYED, THE SOCDEMS ARGUE, WAS THE FEAR OF OTHERWISE BEING LINKED TO THE CIA EVEN WITHOUT REASON.

5. SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSING THE FINNISH METALWORKERS MEMBERSHIP, THE SDP DESCRIBES THE AFFAIR AS A PROVOCATION AND A CALCULATED AND DIRTY ATTACK ON FINNISH SOCIAL DEMOCRACY IN A FRONT-PAGE MANIFESTO PUBLISHED THIS MORNING: "THE BOURGEOISIE AND THE COMMUNISTS ARE FIGHTING SOCIAL DEMOCRACY WITH DIRTY METHODS. VARIOUS FILTHY STORIES AND INSINUATIONS ARE CIRCULATED AT METAL INDUSTRY WORK PLACES ABOUT PERFECTLY LEGITIMATE SUPPORT -- ONLY THE WAY IN WHICH IT WAS ATTEMPTED TO BRING IT OVER HERE WAS WRONG. ONE MUST BE CAREFUL REGARDING ALL RUMORS. THE FINNISH SDP AND THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS IN THE METALWORKERS' UNION ARE NOT CIA AGENTS."
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